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"The Little Old Woman who lived in a Shoe" and many of her Nursery Rhyme cousins, invite you to attend the 18th Annual Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. The tour, titled, "Mother Goose Winterfest," is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine. In keeping with the theme, Handy's Tavern, on Front Street in Marion, will showcase over 30 Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme characters. Test your childhood memories while you locate each character. This exquisite display has taken shape under the watchful eyes of Ruth Bolton and Judy Fasciana.

Begin at the Tavern and collect your tour map, which will take you on a memorable adventure in and around the village of Marion. Five homes, some historic, others more modern, have been professionally decorated for the season. Home Design Coordinator Madeline Cooke has selected the following Design Specialists to decorate the homes on tour: Susannah Davis and Sarah Brown Miquelle of Landscape Design; Kitsie Howard, Amabel Barrows; Lisa Wright of The Flower Works and Madeline Cooke, club member and owner of Ashwell Stenciling.

Along the way, be sure to visit the Marion Historical Society and the Marion Art Center. Plan to stop at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall for a relaxing "Polly Put the Kettle On" Tea, which is included in your ticket price. While there, browse the boutique sponsored by the Marion Garden Discussion Group.

During the tour, you'll want to spend some time in the "House of Happiness." Take note of the woodworking detail found on the windowsills and doors, which reflect the sentiment of a "broken heart" of a past owner. As you wind through the roads of Marion you'll come upon a converted carriage house recently renovated to balance the desire for a comfortable year round residence with the intent to preserve the history of the building and period details. Along the way, you'll make a stop to check out a "unit" of sheer luxury where the interior was professionally designed.

Above: *Father Christmas (a/k/a "Santa Claus") made several surprise appearances in the tri-town area this past weekend, including a special visit to the Annual Tree Lighting held in Rochester Center on Monday night, December 6. Santa was given a ride to Town Hall aboard a fire engine courtesy of the Rochester Fire Department and here he greeted children after the formal tree lighting ceremony. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Cover: *A very busy Santa Claus dropped in for Mattapoisett's Holiday Celebration in Shipyard Park on Saturday, December 4 and brought along a few familiar friends including Ms. Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and a couple of helpful, friendly elves. Here the entire North Pole family poses in front of the Mattapoisett Fire Department before an engine transported them to the Christmas festivities on the waterfront. (Photo by and courtesy of David Ellis).*

Above: *Marion Garden Discussion Group members Diana Worley (left) and Jane Barker (right) work on assembling some of the 157 wreaths which were recently delivered to homes throughout Marion. A busy season for the club members, they are also preparing for their Annual Christmas Boutique to be held on Saturday, December 11 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion. The boutique is also one of the stop's on the Holiday House Tour in the village, sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club.*

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"Deck the Halls"

Marion Garden Group Christmas Boutique

The Marion Garden Discussion Group recently held their annual wreath assembly at the Benjamin Cushing VFW Hall.

"We made 157 wreaths this year," said Kitsie Howard who, along with Sylvia Strand, coordinated this massive project. Each wreath was personally decorated by a member of the Garden Club then delivered that day.

"It is so wonderful to see all the beautiful wreaths on the doors and windows in the village," said Bobbie Fuller, President of the Club. "It really adds to the holiday spirit around town. This annual fundraiser helps us continue with the window boxes and other community projects."

The Garden Club will also hold their annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, December 11 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm in the library of St. Gabriel's Church. The boutique is also a stop on the Sippican Woman's Club's

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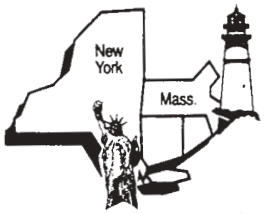

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"Along with the wide variety of beautifully decorated wreaths, topiaries, and garlands, we have many new items this year, including mussel shell wreaths and trees, decoupage and gilded boxes and containers, and pressed flower note cards," said Lissa Magauran.

"The boutique is also a stop on the Holiday House Tour," added Carol Cudahy. "Many people traditionally wait to buy that special Christmas decoration or

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting
December 7, 2004
By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody

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In further action, the board approved the minutes of the November 16 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of that same night. They next voted to sign all annual license renewals for 2005 along with all liquor licenses including the package store renewals and one club license for the Golf House, Inc. (The Bay Club).

At 7:00 pm the board continued a hearing upon a request from NStar to located a pole on Water Street. One citizen asked for clarification of the location as it would impact his property, since the proposed location has been moved several times. The board then discussed various options because of the pole's proximity to the street, future sidewalk locations, motor vehicle accidents, and the like. Selectman Collyer moved to place the pole in the proposed location, and the board approved the request via majority vote, with Selectman Andrews in sole opposition.

At 7:10 pm, David McIntire met with the board to discuss a possible exchange of a parcel of land adjacent to Town Hall with a parcel in the Industrial Park. The Selectmen were inclined to approve the swap, but it would require a Town Meeting vote. Selectman Lombard noted that the Town Hall is in desperate need of additional space and accessibility, and this parcel would allow that to happen in the future.

At 7:15 pm, the board met with Police Chief Mary Lyons who presented newly-appointed Lieutenant Paul Silveira and newly-appointed Sergeant Robert Dumas. After congratulations were extended and pictures with the new appointees and their families were taken, Chief Lyons proceeded to discuss the new increased responsibilities placed on the department by Homeland Security.

At this time no additional funds or grants have been made available and the $222 allocated by budget for this purpose is woefully inadequate. Furthermore, Chief Lyons is examining ways to fund an ambulance replace-

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ment in the near future and other future personnel and equipment replacement needs. Selectman Lombard suggested that all heating energy, phone and utility bills should be handled in a central office for all town buildings and departments instead of dispersed budgeting and purchasing. Those monies would be removed from the individual department budgets for more efficiency.

At 8:00 pm the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) Chairman, John R. Duff Jr. met with the board to respond to questions and suggestions from the Board of Selectmen regarding changes in the MAB. Selectman Lombard suggested that the Chairman should have a vote and not just serve as a tie-breaker. Term limits are unnecessary, he felt, since if a member is unable to serve, the Selectmen would not reappoint that person. At press time, other MAB matters were still under discussion.

In other matters, the board:

• Noted the next regular Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

• Announced the next Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

• Noted the town's shellfish buttons and beach stickers *will not* be going on sale during the months of December and January. Notification of sales will be made at a later date.

• Announced the next Elementary School Building Committee will be held on Monday, December 13 at 4:30 pm in the Center School Conference Room.

• Cited new winter transfer station hours will be Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm until further notice.

Under correspondence, the board cited:

• Letter of appreciation sent to Ron Merlo of 26 Prospect Road for his time served as a member of the

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• Letter to the Board of Selectmen and to *The Wanderer* regarding the Tinkham Forest Land Swap from Barton H. Tayer, DMD.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, the board planned to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and contract issues and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting
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By Kenneth J. Souza

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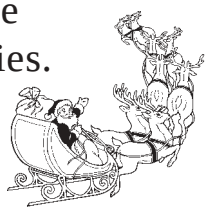

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Chairman Pierce first announced the board would approve the following license renewals for 2005:

• Auctioneer – Joseph E. Thompson;

• Automatic Amusement – Short Wave Bar and Grille; The Caz; Stone Rooster, Inc.;

• Car Dealership – Beckcraft Automotive, Class II; Burr Brothers Boats, Class I; Hiller Company, Inc., Class I; Marion Garage, Class II; Nauset Marine, Class II; Ted's Automotive, Class II;

• Club License (All Alcohol) – Beverly Yacht Club, Inc.; The Kittansett Club;

• Common Victualler – Short Wave Bar and Grille; Ansel Gurney House; Beverly Yacht Club; The Caz; Christy's Market; Maggie's Ice Cream; Continental Deli House; Cumberland Farms; Sippican Cafeteria; Tabor Snack Bar; Encore Cafe; The Frigate Steakhouse; Kittansett Club; Marion General Store; Marion Golf Club; Santoro's Pizza and More; Seahorse Seafoods; Sippican Cafe; Stone Rooster, Inc.; Tabor cafeteria; Uncle Jon's Cookies;

• Common Victualler (All Alcohol) – The Caz; The Frigate Steakhouse; Short Wave Bar & Grille; Stone Rooster, Inc.;

• Entertainment – The Wave; The Caz;

• Retail Package Store (All Alcohol) – Lighthouse Liquors; Marion Country Package Store; Marion General Store; Spirits, Inc.;

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In other matters, the board:

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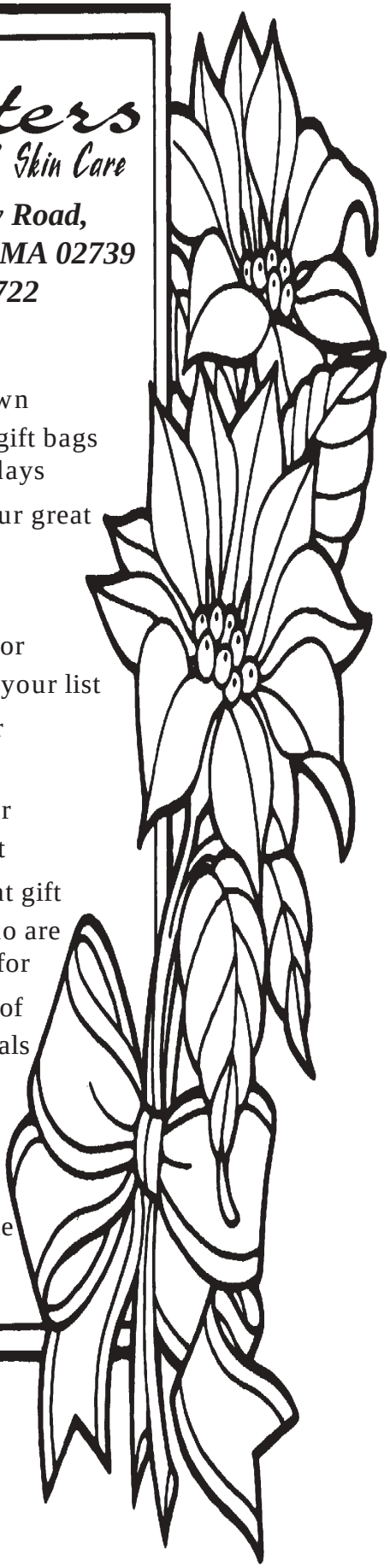

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• Voted to appoint Gail M. Varney as a School Crossing Guard upon a recommendation from Police Chief Lincoln Miller.

• Voted to sign and endorse a Statement in Support of Oil Spill Prevention Measures for Buzzards Bay as drafted in the state legislature.

• Discussed their recent interviews with four finalists for the position of full-time Building Commissioner. "Of the four finalists, it is this board's opinion that one clearly rose to the top," Chairman Pierce said. "That gentleman is Mr. Michael Mendoza, who is currently working as Building Commissioner in Carver. We feel he will be a comfortable match for us here in Marion."

Chairman Pierce said they will contact Mr. Mendoza and offer him the position of full-time Building Commissioner for Marion.

"We had four excellent candidates ... but certainly Mr. Mendoza had a wealth of experience that not all of them had," Selectman Jeffrey said. "He was certified in many areas and has had this job for a number of years. I think he will be a fine asset and hopefully he will take the

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job."

At 7:20 pm the board met with John Rockwell for an update on the multi-use pathway project.

"When we started working on sidewalks in town, there really wasn't any design information available to us," Mr. Rockwell said. "But we determined early on, if we're going to have kids on bicycles competing with people walking, (the path) should be eight-feet wide. In 2002 the Federal Highway Commission came out with an analysis of (pedestrian accidents) ... they recommend paths be six- to eight-feet wide."

Since forming in 1997, Mr. Rockwell said the so-called Circulation Committee has been working to do portions of the town's multi-use/bike path. They had enough funding to draw up "existing condition plans" for multi-use paths adjacent to the following roadways: Converse Road, Creek Road, Point Road, County Road, Route 6, Route 105, and Delano Road.

"We have existing condition plans for Route 6, Route 105, County Road from 105 to Point Road, and the entire length of Point Road," Mr. Rockwell said. "We did a

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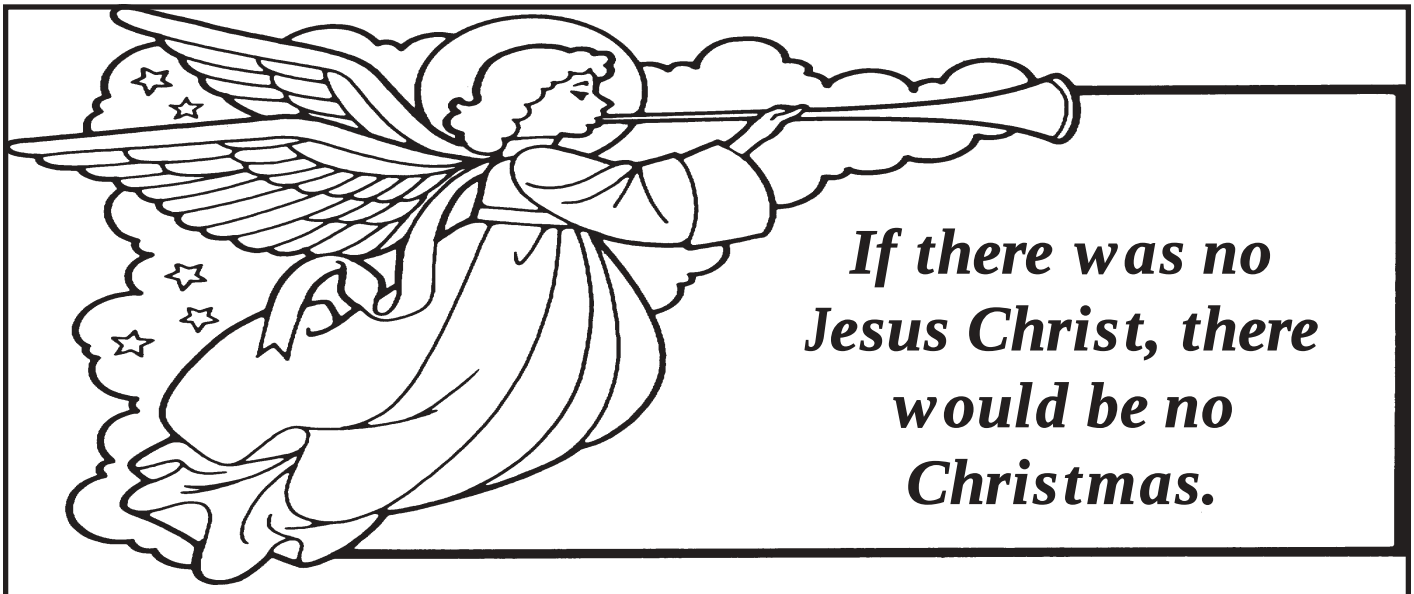

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plan for Creek Road first, at the suggestion of the Board of Selectmen. There was a section of Point Road between Route 6 and Creek Road that we did a plan for (which) was also approved."

After hitting some snags with the Creek Road project which dragged on for nearly two years, Mr. Rockwell said they are ready to "start up again."

"We go out and walk the road," he said, outling how the process works. "We then write to all the people who live on that road so they can come out and ask questions. Then we'll do a proposed design for the sidewalk and have a public hearing. After the public hearing we'll do a final design and bring it before the Board of Selectmen (for approval). Once our designs are done, the Selectmen will hire an engineer and, as we learned on Creek Road, sometimes what we've drawn up for conceptual designs doesn't work ... (so) they will do some redesign work."

Selectman Jeffrey said he supports moving forward with other portions of the multi-use path, but he cautioned Mr. Rockwell that it all hinges on funding. "If you remember there was a big discussion if we were going (to proceed with the multi-use path) because it was going to cost the town a lot of money," Selectman Jeffrey said. "In order to go forward, which I think we should try to do, we need to think about the funding and what (areas) are the most important."

"The financial reality is we're not going to pave sidewalks tomorrow," Mr. Rockwell said. "But we'd like

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to get them all done (eventually)."

Selectman Henry felt Point Road and Converse Road should be the next priority areas for the multi-use pathway.

"What we need to do is coordinate with the various groups to see if this is feasible," Selectman Jeffrey said.

"There is a tie-in between traffic speed and pedestrian fatalities," Mr. Rockwell said, referencing the recent pedestrian fatality on Converse Road which spurred this new interest in the multi-use pathway.

"Everybody agrees the problem is speed, but I don't see us doing much about it," added resident Carol Sanz. "We've identified the problem (but) everyone else dismisses it. I don't think there's enough being done about it."

"If you slow people down so they're doing 35 MPH instead of 45 MPH, there will be less fatalities, but you'll still have people going to the hospital," Mr. Rockwell said.

Chairman Pierce next revisited the formation of a Fireworks Study Committee. To date, no one has volunteered to join and he once again encouraged those interested in seeking appointment to this newly-formed committee to submit their names to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Chairman Pierce also suggested the possible forming of a Wind Study Power Committee to follow in the footsteps of Mattapoisett in looking into the alternative energy source.

But Selectman Jeffrey suggested a review of existing committees and boards before they make any new appointments to specfic groups. He feels there are many boards and committees now which are not being utilized to their full potential. "My only concern is we've

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got a lot on the town's plate," he said.

The board agreed to hold their next meeting on Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Town House to cover any pending matters before the holidays. This will likely be their final meeting until the New Year. There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:25 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 6, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 6 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Gary Laboa. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first voted to send a letter of appreciation to everyone involved with the planning and preparation for the Town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

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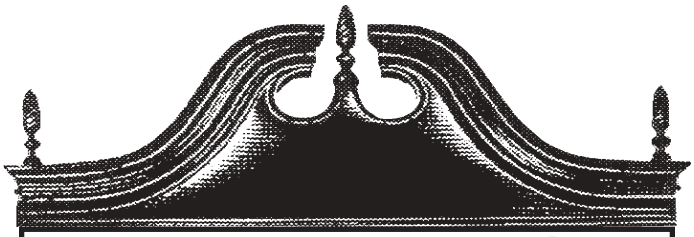

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which was held earlier that evening. The event drew a sizeable crowd and included music provided by students from Memorial School and a special visit from Santa Claus.

The board then approved the minutes of the November 29 meeting and next met with Police Chief Paul Magee to recommend the appointment of Shaun Peterson as a part-time police officer with the Rochester Police Department.

"We lost (an officer) to a full-time job and we need some part-timers," Chief Magee said. "I've known Shaun my entire police career. He holds a high-ranking position at the Plymouth County jail ... and has worked for the Marion Police Department for the past 12 years. He's a five-year resident of Rochester. It's important to me to get town people on the force. I strongly recommend him for the position."

With that, the board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Peterson as a part-time officer with the Rochester Police Department. "Welcome ... it's nice to have another town resident on the force," Chairman Laboa added.

The board next signed and approved the acceptance of Partridge Road as an official name as per a request from James E. Ziobro. The road is part of a two-lot subdivision which was previously approved by the Planning Board but, according to Mr. Ziobro, the name was never formally accepted.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon said Town Planner Randall Kunz has been working with NStar and the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to do pictography "fly-over" maps of area communities. "(They're) quite detailed and can go down to the house number," Mr. Huntoon said. "It's not going to cost us anything, we just have to sign up to participate. It's used

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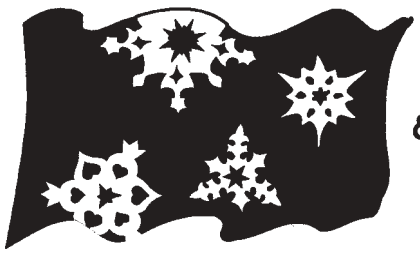
"Eventually we'll have to spend money on a computer program that's capable of displaying (the information)," Selectman Morse added.

The board unanimously voted to sign and approve permission to have Rochester included in this mapping service.

Mr. Huntoon said Chief Dispatcher Tracy Eldridge had a question about vacation time under the newly-approved union contract and he has referred the matter to the original lawyer who helped draft the contract. Mr. Huntoon also requested a temporary appointment for Kathy McHenry to serve as Temporary Town Accountant while Claudette Coutu is out due to a death in the family. The board approved this request.

Mr. Huntoon also noted the town received notification of a lawsuit filed by Rochester Youth Baseball, Inc. against the Rochester Historic District Committee for denying their request to install lights at Gifford Park. This ongoing dispute began when the officials who oversee Rochester Youth Baseball, Inc. requested the necessary permits to install light poles and fixtures at Gifford Memorial Park to allow for night games at the site. Several resident abutters objected to the towering light poles and the Rochester Historic District Committee deemed the new fixtures were not in keeping with the town's "village" character.



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• Received a letter from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding a site assignment for Costello Dismantling Company, Inc. of Middleboro. The requested project is to install and operate an Asphalt, Brick and Concrete (ABC) processing and recycling facility at 699 Wareham Street in Middleboro.

• Copy of a letter from Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge to the Finance Committee (FinCom) regarding his pending Snow Removal Budget for the coming winter. Mr. Eldridge had requested the replacement of three small plows which have been rebuilt twice and he was told this would be "revisited in the fall." To date, he has heard nothing from the FinCom and he is concerned with the

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• Letter from the Rochester Land Trust Clerk Susan Peterson regarding property off Sarah Sherman Road owned by Karl Ashley III. Mr. Ashley recently requested the removal of two acres of this total 44.73-acre parcel from the Chapter 61A conservation restriction so the smaller portion could be developed. Although the Rochester Land Trust was interested in acquiring the entire parcel, they don't have the need for or resources at the present time to purchase the two-acre lot. They are passing on their "right of first refusal" on the property.

Selectman Morse, however, wanted further clarification from Mr. Ashley on his intent, since his letter requests the removal of only two acres from Chapter 61A but the pending Purchase and Sale Agreement refers to the entire 44.73 acres.

"I'm sure it's just an error on the Purchase and Sale Agreement," Mr. Huntoon said.

• Mr. Huntoon noted the Rochester Woman's Club has filed for a Special Permit for Change of Use to begin work on renovating and expanding their Marion

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There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:39 pm.

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• **Providence College Defeats Holy Cross:** The Friars won behind the offense of **Kevin Tripp** and **Cam Severino**. **Tom Gammell** and **Alex Buckley** were the defensive players of the game. The Crusaders got a strong offensive performance from **Quinn Henshaw** and **Everett Coulter**. **Casey Silveira**, **Kylie Faison**, and **Chris Moniz** were strong defensively.

• **Holy Cross Beats UConn: Everett Coulter** led the Crusaders to victory scoring 8 points and playing aggressive defense. **Quinn Henshaw** chipped in 4. **Jessie Hodges** played outstanding as point guard with **Chris Moniz** grabbing rebounds. **Peter Krause** had 8 points and **Brian Tranfaglia** had 4 points for the Huskies. **Madison Gougen** played a great defensive game and **Spencer Grace** was strong on the boards.

• **Providence College Beats UConn:** The Friars' "Angels" **Katie Wilbur**, **Olivia Decas**, and **Katelyn Cummings** played a strong all-around game for the win. UConn put up a good fight behind the offense of **Peter Krause** and the defense of **Brian Tranfaglia**, **Chris**

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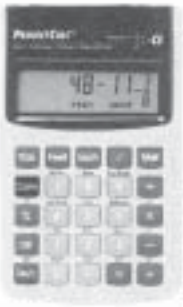

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• **Boston College Over Holy Cross:** Eagles forward **Greg Valentgas** was lead scorer in this match-up with assists from **Alex Gordon** and **Andre Fontaine**. **Will Coucci** helped with strong rebounding. **Ben Coucci** and **Chris Tippins** were a force on defense. The Crusaders were led by the offense of **Everett Coulter** and **Quinn Henshaw**. **Chris Moniz** was strong on the boards and **Meghan McDonough** played strong defensively.

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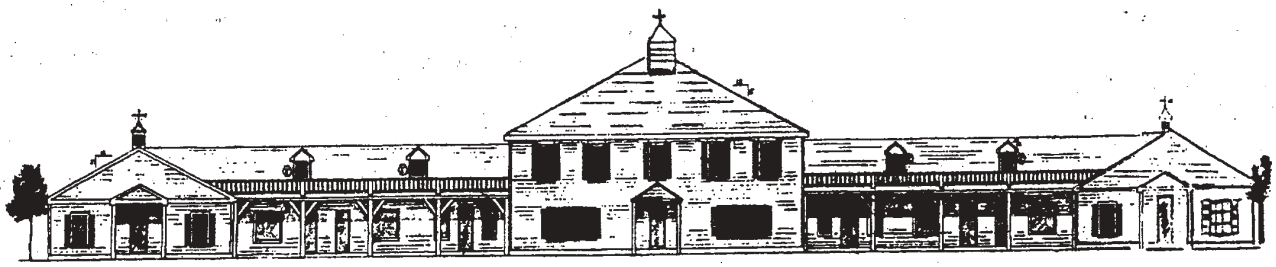

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As one of the 22 plaintiffs in the Tinkham Forest suit, I will accept recent Letters to the Editor chiding us for "thwarting" the will of the people. But I cannot agree with them.

While it is true that two-thirds of the voters at that Town Meeting approved the swap, a two-vote change would have defeated the article. The vote was 245-120. There were 4,254 registered voters in Mattapoisett at that time so the vote to swap was hardly a mandate.

Without going into questionable details about the swap or responding to so much misinformation in the recent letters, suffice it to say the primary reason for going to court is to get a judicial answer to the following question:

Can the town abandon the promise it made to Floyd Tinkham when it accepted his gift now that a "better deal" has been offered?

The town has nothing to lose in this case, but much to gain if the vote is ruled invalid. If a man is only as good as his word, how good is a town if it will capitulate to the promise of big bucks at the expense of integrity? Trust lost is seldom regained.

Is our town's promise good only until a "better deal" comes along?

Mr. Tinkham specified the conditions upon which this land would be held by the town. The town promised to abide by those conditions. One of the conditions was that Tinkham Forest be preserved from development. Swapping the forest so it can be developed is contrary to that condition no matter what the incentive might be to do otherwise.

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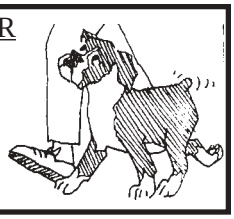

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Sincerely,
Brad Hathaway
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

The Town of Mattapoisett should obviously be pleased to receive AAA recognition for 10 years without a pedestrian fatality (*The Wanderer,* December 2, 2004, page 3). The initial reaction, though, may be that a small town like this shouldn't have *any* pedestrian fatalities — so what's the big deal? But could it be that we've been lucky?

Specifically, look at Water Street where it passes the town beach. This is probably the busiest walking street in town. (It has the best view of the harbor.) The speed limit is 25 MPH, but that is often ignored. *There is no sidewalk.* Why? We need to stop tempting fate and risking lives, particularly those of our children.

Especially in the summer, the pedestrian traffic of baby carriages, harbor watchers, bathers headed for the beach, and assorted strollers and joggers is non-stop on this stretch. Between North Street and Oakland Street, there's no other place to push a baby carriage than in the street. Can't we use this award as a motivator to improve our odds of continuing success by installing a quarter-mile of sidewalk in this busy stretch?

Sincerely,
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To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen and the Mattapoisett Lions Club wishes to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals, businesses and town departments, as well as all town residents and their families who so kindly donated their time to help make this year's "Holiday in the Park" such a great success.

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Mattapoisett's Bicentennial Christmas

By Virginia Morgan

Has it really been 28 years since 1976 when the town of Mattapoisett celebrated the Bicentennial anniversary of the signing of the Constitution? Especially, the Colonial Christmas celebration was one to remember when all the homes in the village were decorated with white lights in the windows to give a festive air to the whole town.

"Mr. Mattapoisett," John N. DeCosta, was the chairman of all the Bicentennial events that took place during the year. All organizations, as well as all townspeople, participated in some way; but the highlight was the Christmas celebraiton.

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As quoted by Bicentennial Chairman DeCosta: "The Bicentennial celebration was a community project with everyone in Mattapoisett having a part in it. Because each resident took part, our Bicentennial year was a great success!"

Breakfast With Santa

The Rochester Lions Club will sponsor "Breakfast with Santa" from 7:30 to 11:30 am on Sunday, December 12 at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane. The menu will include full breakfast, child's breakfast, and picture with Santa for only $5. Raffle items will also be on sale.

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Showstoppers in Rochester

The Showstoppers Musical Entertainment Group will be performing on Friday, December 10 at the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) on Dexter Lane starting at 2:00 pm. This performance will also be open to the general public and all are welcome to attend.

Mattapoisett Woman's Luncheon

On Thursday, December 9, the Harpoon Harmonizers will entertain the members of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club during their Holiday Luncheon at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Fred Medina, the chorus manager, will offer a holiday concert and sing-along. Guests are welcome. For more information, please call Janet at 508-758-8992.

Marion Flu Clinic

Department of Health Commissioner Christine C. Ferguson announced recently that the flu distribution

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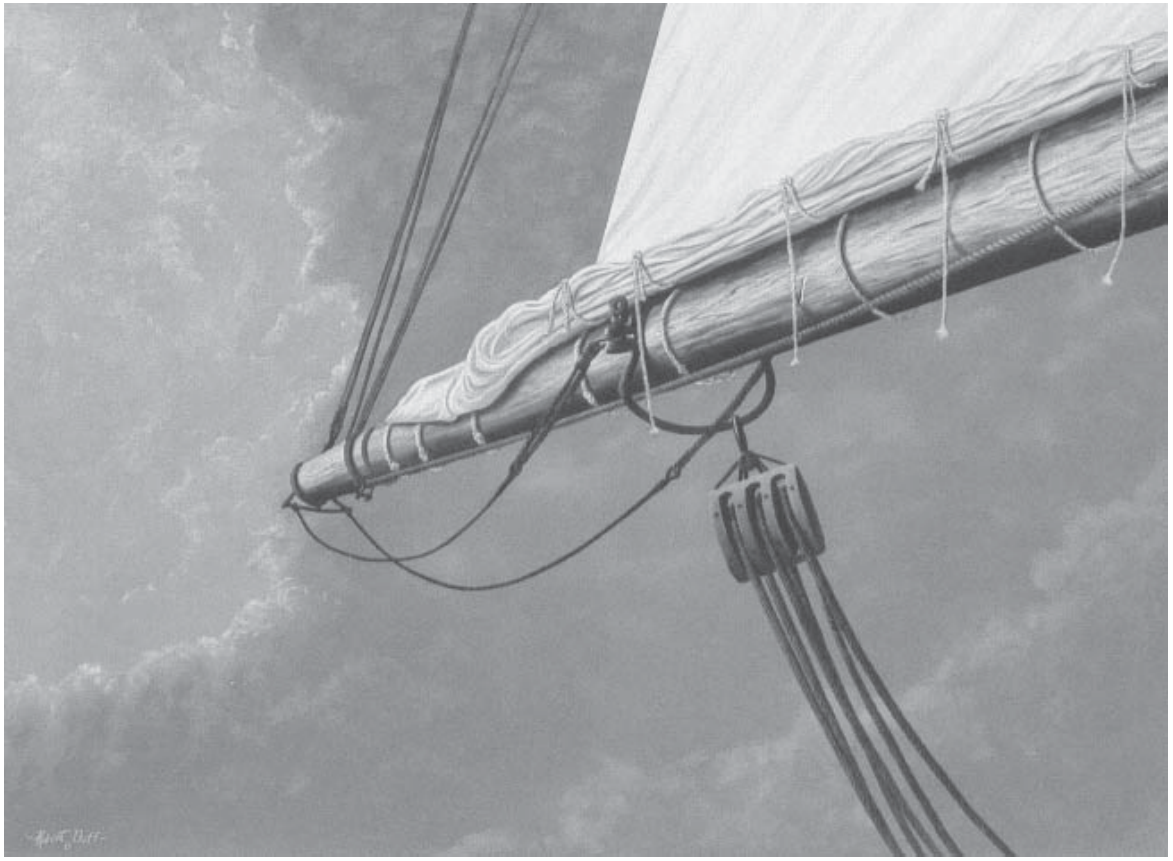

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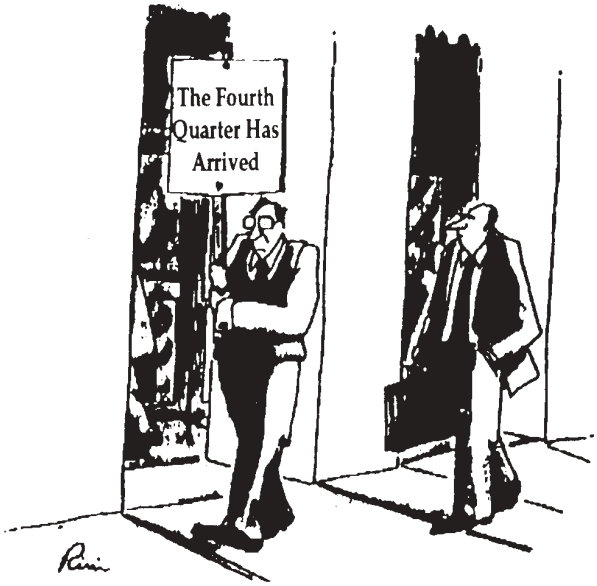

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guidelines would be expanded immediately to include people ages 65 and older and others considered high risk.

"After monitoring the progress of our state-wide flu distribution plan and consulting with members of the health care community administering the flu vaccine, I believe the majority of those individuals most at risk for serious complications from the flu have been vaccinated at this time," Ms. Ferguson said.

Since October 27 the threshold age for the at-risk population had been 75, in accordance with emergency guidelines issued by Ms. Ferguson.

She added that those individuals at the greatest risk and certain categories of health care workers have had a five-week period of time during which they were given priority status for flu vaccination. Based upon recent information on the current supply of vaccine, the following guidelines will take effect immediately:

Health care providers should now administer flu vaccine to individuals in the following high risk categories, which are considered of equal importance:

- All children aged six to 23 months;
- Adults age 65 years or older;
- Persons two to 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- Children six months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
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• Monday, December 20 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Vaccination of eligible homebound residents is ongoing. If you are a homebound resident unable to attend a public clinic, please notify the Marion Board of Health at 508-748-3530. A $10 fee will be charged at the clinics to support public health services.

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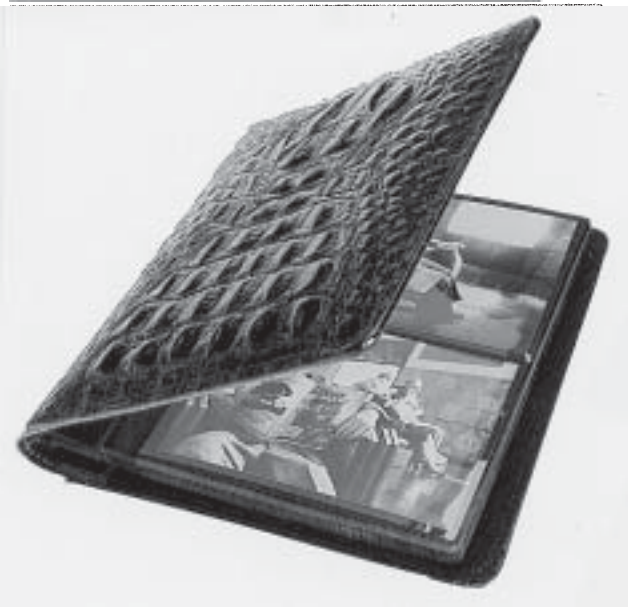

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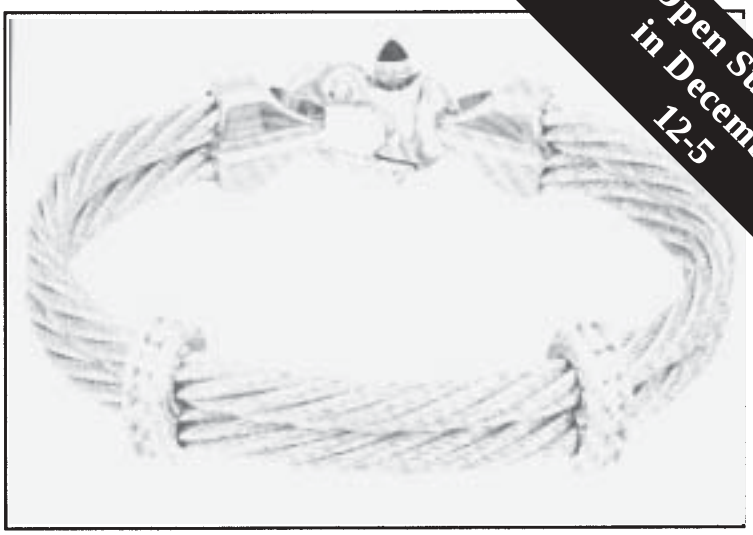

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Mattapoisett Zeimetz Award

The Seventh Annual Philip J. Zeimetz Award was presented at a special Interfaith Service at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett on Sunday, November 21 to a very special husband and wife team: **David J. and Margaret L. Olney**.

A certificate of recognition was presented to the honorees by Robert Atkinson, Chairman of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Board of Trustees.

This award recognizes individuals for their outstanding volunteer service to the community, in memory of Philip Zeimetz who was a great friend to the library.

While nominations are generally received from local organizations, including the Maconchu Club, FISH, St. Anthony's Parish, Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett, Inc., Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, this year's winners were selected by the Library Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the Zeimetz family.

Dave and Peg were chosen for their many volun-

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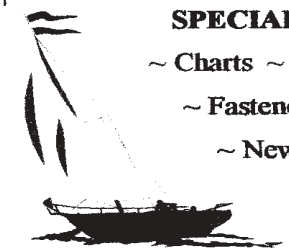

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Mr. and Ms. Olney's names will be engraved on the Philip J. Zeimetz plaque that hangs over the library's fireplace mantel.

Christmas Tree Benefit

For the past 30 years, Troop 55 of the Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, has sold Christmas trees as their primary fund-raising activity. Trees are on sale now through Sunday, December 19, 2004 at Mike and Wayne's Police, Fire and Medical Equipment, 163 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) in Fairhaven, between Papa Gino's and Bush Quality Cleaners. The Scouts do the actual "selling"

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Center School Show

Center School in Mattapoisett has invited Mattapoisett seniors to attend the Center School Holiday Show Dress Rehearsal to be held on Tuesday, December 21 at 9:30 am in the school gymnasium. Please call the Council on Aging (COA) at 508-758-4110 if you can join them.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) is now located in Rooms C-130 and C-140 at Center School. Please enter at the main entrance and parking is available across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The phone number is 508-758-4110 and Center School is open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If the ORR schools are closed due to inclement weather, then the COA will also be closed, including all programs, trips and other activities scheduled for that day.

• **Thursday, December 9** – Lunch at Rosie's Restaurant at 12:30 pm;

• **Friday, December 10** – Shaw's at 8:00 am; Weight Training at 9:30 am.

Coming up on December 16: Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Friends of the Elderly at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Please contact the COA (508-758-4110) to make a reservation by December 10.

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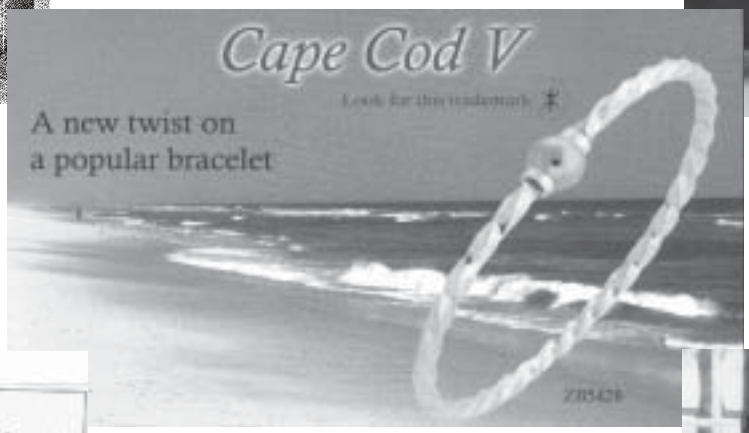

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School Committee Meetings

- Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 pm – Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.
- Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm – Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School.
- Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm – ORR District School Committee at ORR High School.

NOTE: There will be no Marion School Committee meeting held in December.

Mattapoisett Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library have for sale a variety items. *Books to Check Out: A Journal* is a neat little notebook divided into three sections: Books to Read; Favorite Books / Passages; Books Borrowed / Lent. The last page is heavy stock, with two pockets to hold clippings — or your library card. This little book is perfect for holiday gift-giving, and sells for $11.

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Parris Comes to ORR

Legendary jazz vocalist Rebecca Parris, who performed last year to benefit the ORR High School Music Program, will once again return on Monday, December 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for a special show to benefit the ORR High School Jazz Band trip to Branson, Missouri in April

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2005. The band is slated to compete in the National High School Championship. Ms. Parris will be performing both traditional jazz seletions, with a sprinkling of holiday tunes from her *The Secret of Christmas* CD, which features a track written and arranged by longtime friend and ORR Music Director Stan Ellis.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for students in Grade 6 and under and are now available at the Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth; the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop and Shipyard Galley in Mattapoisett; the Marion General Store; and Lloyd's Market in Rochester; or by calling 508-758-6241. Tickets will also be for sale at the door the night of the show, space permitting. Also available will be food, raffles, and band CDs, *so please reserve tickets to this special show early!*

Marion Natural History Museum

Holiday Party

The Marion Natural History Museum is hosting its Annual Holiday Party on Friday, December 10 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Children and their families are welcome to work on crafts, enjoy refreshments, and listen to a story or two. Admission is FREE. *Come celebrate the holidays with them!*

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Mattapoisett Santa Breakfast

A "Breakfast with Santa" will be held at the Kinsale Inn in Mattapoisett on Saturday, December 11 with all proceeds to benefit the Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Band's Trip to Branson, Missouri as representatives of the state of Massachusetts at the Jazz

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ORR Holiday Concerts

The Old Rochester Regional Senior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm and the ORR Junior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. Each concert will be held in the ORR Senior High School Auditorium.

The High School musical performances will include the Chorus, Concert Band, Jazz Big Band and Jazz Combo. The Junior High School concert will include the Chorus, Concert Band, and Jazz Big Band. This holiday's concert performances will feature the great talent that our tri-town music programs provide. This annual event, sponsored by the Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM), promises to be an evening of joyful holiday music.

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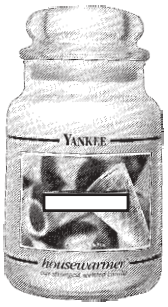

Tri-County Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land,

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The Tri-County Symphonic Band opens the festive holiday season with its annual Children's Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 pm at the Sippican School, Spring Street Marion, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Daniel A. Lasdow, will perform seasonal favorites including "Carol of the Shepherds," "A Christ-

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mas Festival," "Bugler's Holiday," and "Sleigh Ride." Additional concert highlights will include "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," featuring Chairman of the Marion Board of Selectmen David Pierce as narrator, and "The Christmas Song," with alto saxophone soloist Trevor Kellum. Trevor is a member of the award-winning Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Band. The ORR Jazz Band will perform in competition in Branson, Missouri this spring and the tickets to the Rebecca Parris concert / fundraiser will be available for sale at the Tri-County Symphonic Band Concert.

The Tri-County Music Association is happy to offer this cheerful concert to the community in the spirit of supporting the efforts of area student musicians and their respective school music ensembles. The Tri-County Music Association awards significant annual college scholarships to assist students pursuing careers in music.

Also, the youngsters in the audience will enter a drawing with the winner conducting the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The chosen "maestro" will step on the podium and lead the band in "The Christmas March" by Edwin Franko Goldman.

The concert will conclude with a group of musicians from the Tri-County Symphonic Band and the Sippican School Band, under the direction of Hannah T. C. Moore, leading a march from the Sippican School to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he arrives via "water sleigh."

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Elizabeth Taber Library

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On Thursday, December 30 at 1:30 pm, there will be a "Christmas Thank-Yous" program for children of all ages (children under 5 years must be accompanied by an

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Monday, December 27 and Wednesday, December 29 are Drop-In Activity Days at the library. Children of all ages can learn about Kwanzaa and make paper Kwanzaa "quilts."

Winter 2005

Every Saturday and Sunday during the winter are Drop-In Crafts Days in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

Tales for Twos, a series of storytimes for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months, begins January 12, 2005. Two sessions of the half-hour programs of stories, fingerplays, and crafts will be offered: Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am or Friday morning at 10:15 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2005 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required.

Winter Storytime for children between the ages of 3 and 5 begins the week of January 10, 2005. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays, and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Winter Storytime begins January 12, 2005 and continues through February 22. Pre-registration is required.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/marion.

Rochester Flu Clinic

The Rochester Board of Health and Public Health Nurse Laura Ribeiro have announced they will have a limited number of flu vaccine doses. According to Massachusetts Department of Public Health Guidelines, they will prioritize the doses available for Rochester residents seventy-five (75) years or older, and those eighteen (18) years and older with a chronic medical condition. This clinic will also be open to anyone fifty (50) years of age or older with no medical condition, pending doses left over from the priority guidelines. The clinic will be held on December 16, 2002 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room. There is no fee. It is recommended that you wear a short-sleeve top.

Mattapoisett Public Library

Winter Wonderland

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will present a Winter Wonderland Story Time on Wednesday, December 22 at 2:00 pm. Join them for stories, a winter craft, hot chocolate, and popcorn! For more information or to register, please call the Mattapoisett Public Library at 508-758-4171.

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Library Night

Monday, January 10, 2005 is "Library Night" at the Kinsale Inn in Mattapoisett. The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will host a Special Dinner Buffet, with live music provided by husband and wife duet Judy Wallace and David Gries. Admission is $25 per person and the buffet includes complimentary Celtic Gold Lager, Galeway Ale and Red or White Wine. The event will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and raffle tickets for a model of the whale ship *Wanderer*, built by Michael Sylvia (in a

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Rochester's Plumb Library

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A candidate is sought for the Board of Library Trustees to the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester. The board would like to hear from residents interested in serving on the board immediately and running as a possible candidate for a two-year term in the April elections.

Interested candidates should draft a letter to the Board of Trustees stating their interest and giving a brief description of their background. Candidates should have an interest in libraries and be able to attend at least one meeting per month. Trustees normally meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Interested candidates are also invited to attend the next monthly meeting on Saturday, December 11 at 9:00 am. For more information, please call the Plumb Memorial Library at 508-763-8600.

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SouthCoast Community Chorale

The SouthCoast Community Chorale, under the musical direction of Frank Wilhelm, will present their annual Christmas Concert featuring Pergolesi's *Magnificat* and a variety of traditional holiday music. The concert will take place at the Parish of the Good Shepherd, 1598 South Main Street, Fall River, on Sunday, December 19 beginning at 4:30 pm.

"Our goal is to perform songs that inspire, delight, and uplift our audience — music that spreads the Christmas spirit," said Mr. Wilhelm, who is also the Musical Director of St. Jacques Church in Taunton.

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Mattapoisett Medical Equipment

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) often receives donations of medical equipment. The COA is happy to loan out for short periods of time such items as walkers, commodes, canes and crutches, a wheelchair, and the like. Just contact the COA office at 508-758-4110 to make arrangements. The COA was recently given a hospital bed with several accessories. If anybody would like to obtain this bed permanently, free-of-charge, please contact COA Director Cheryl Randall (508-758-4110).

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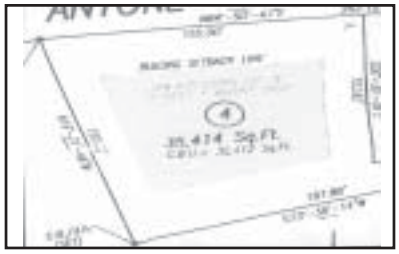

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***The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*. Starring Geoffrey Rush and Charlize Theron. Directed by Stephen Hopkins. Running time: 122 minutes. Rated TV-MA. Check www.HBO.com for schedule.**

Comedians are a notoriously miserable lot, or so goes the pop-culture legend. Crying on the inside, they face the lights and transmute their private agonies into pratfalls. The specimen we meet in *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*, one of HBO's usual iconoclastic biopics, is a hollow man to himself and others, an ingenious chameleon who has no true face. In this telling — based on a book by Roger Lewis — Sellers, who rose to international fame as Inspector Clouseau in the *Pink Panther* series, was an impossible narcissist, mama's boy, and all-around case of arrested development. Given to lavish displays of atonement as well as rage, such as buying his little boy a pony after smashing the child's toys, Sellers railed against his surfeit of onscreen personality by sabotaging his own. He may have felt that no one wanted *him* — just him with an accent, a fake nose.

The movie itself, directed by Stephen Hopkins (*Lost in Space*) in a rather extreme change of pace, deals in the expected psychotherapy (it's all Mama's fault) and inevitably functions as a shallowly telescoped portrait of a thirty-year career. Some attention is paid to Sellers' virtuoso three-character work in Stanley Kubrick's *Dr. Strangelove* (Stanley Tucci drops in for a sly turn as Kubrick), none at all given to *Lolita*, Sellers' prior film for Kubrick. Roughly half the film documents Sellers' tempestuous marriage to Britt Eklund (Charlize Theron, gratefully glamming back up), but forgets about his subsequent two wives and gives his first one (gamely rendered by Emily Watson) little more than a bit role.

As a showcase for Geoffrey Rush, though, *Life and Death* is more than worthwhile. A fellow chameleon, though presumably sounder of mind, Rush takes on the formidable task of mimicking Sellers' best-known roles — Clouseau, Strangelove — and does spooky justice to the source. Physically, Rush shares Sellers' broad-shouldered knack for knockabout comedy, and though the 53-year-old Rush doesn't look much like the Sellers of the *Goon Show* / Ealing Studios years (where the movie begins), he grows into Sellers' face the older Sellers gets, and by the time Sellers nabs his dream role in *Being There* the resemblance is startling. Even before then, from certain angles Rush is an uncanny dead ringer. Looks aren't everything, though, and the performance wouldn't work if Rush couldn't paint a coherent picture of an often incoherent man. (The movie should've been called *Nowhere Man*.)

Driven to success by his fear of an anonymous life in a London flat changing diapers, and resentful of success when it came, Sellers seems never to have heard the maxim "Be careful what you wish for; you just might get it." Money troubles force him to glue on the Clouseau mustache again; he gets drunk at the wrap party and insults *Pink Panther* director Blake Edwards (John Lithgow, who has not been credible in a wig for at least a decade, but triumphs with one of his warmer, saner performances). Brushes with mortality push Sellers to realize his long-coveted role as the aptly-named Chance in *Being There*; Sellers' near-fatal first coronary allows director Hopkins his most inspired moment, when Sellers, ever the narcissist, is haunted by all his film characters, a Scrooge visited by himself.

Still, at the end of the lumpy two hours, one questions the point of the tale. This is a man who looks into a mirror (as the soundtrack breaks out David Bowie's welcome but too-on-the-nose "Space Oddity") and sees nothing — how can you dramatize that? The filmmakers try, and Rush performs heroically, but what we're left with is a cluttered pastiche of an unhappy life. It's not Hopkins' fault that *Citizen Kane* and *Sunset Boulevard* were there first (talk about hard acts to follow — particularly when re-enacting *Strangelove*), and he does get some clever use out of a device in which Sellers plays various figures in his life (sadly, we don't get Geoffrey Rush in a blonde wig doing his best Charlize Theron). *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers* will be talked about primarily for Rush's various transformations, but — except for a beautifully evocative final frame of Sellers alone on a snowy street — it can't do much to suggest Sellers' inner drama or explain why we're spending an evening with this mercurial wretch.

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Wednesday, December 15 – Mini twin cheeseburgers, ham sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 16 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 17 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 13 – Turkey stew and veggies, whipped potatoes, Parker House roll, tapioca pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Tuesday, December 14 – HOLIDAY MEAL: Chicken breast, red bliss potatoes, broccoli, snowflake roll, eclairs, graham wafer.

Wednesday, December 15 – Pea soup, turkey ham and sauce, oatmeal bread, orange.

Thursday, December 16 – Meat loaf and gravy, mashed potatoes and chives, cut green beans, multi-grain roll, pears in light syrup.

Friday, December 17 – Baked fish with tartar sauce, Lyonnaise potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit muffin, peaches in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 13 – Chicken fritters, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, chicken soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 14 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato and cheese, nachos, beef noodle soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, lasagna, hot garlic bread, salad greens, minestrone soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, December 16 – Ham and cheese croissant, broccoli and cheese soup, veggie sticks, ranch dip, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday, December 17 – Cheese pizza, fish and chips, cole slaw, clam chowder, fruit, milk.

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, December 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, Italian sausage sub, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 14 – Spicy chicken pattie, hot ham and cheese on bagel, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 15 – Baked macaroni and cheese, veal cutlet sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 16 – Hot dog on a roll, grilled cheese, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 17 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, December 13 – Chicken fritters, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, chicken soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 14 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato and cheese, nachos, beef noodle soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, lasagna, hot garlic bread, salad greens, minestrone soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, December 16 – Ham and cheese croissant, broccoli and cheese soup, veggie sticks, ranch dip, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday, December 17 – Cheese pizza, fish and chips, cole slaw, clam chowder, fruit, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 13 – Juice, rib-a-cue, hamburger, potato puffs, peas, pudding.

Tuesday, December 14 – Toasted ham and cheese, potato chips, green beans, fruit, cookie.

Wednesday, December 15 – Chicken pattie, French fries, corn, peaches.

Thursday, December 16 – Italian sub, turkey roll-up, hash brown pattie, mixed vegetables, dessert.

Friday, December 17 – Seafood salad roll, pizza, pretzels, carrots, fruit, cake.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 13 – Chicken fritters, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, chicken soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 14 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato and cheese, nachos, beef noodle soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, lasagna, hot garlic bread, salad greens, minestrone soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, December 16 – Ham and cheese croissant, broccoli and cheese soup, veggie sticks, ranch dip, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday, December 17 – Cheese pizza, fish and chips, cole slaw, clam chowder, fruit, milk.

• ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 13 – Hot dog, oven fries, corn cobbettes, baked beans, chicken noodle soup, chilled pears, toasted cheese, milk.

Tuesday, December 14 – Beef taco, lettuce/tomato, cheese, nachos, cheese sauce, salsa, chilled peaches, meatball sub, wedding soup, milk.

Wednesday, December 15 – Lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, soup, chilled peaches, pepperoni pocket, milk.

Thursday, December 16 – Autumn pot roast, baby carrots, creamy mashed potatoes, French onion soup, chilled pineapple, ham and cheese croissant, milk.

Friday, December 17 – Fish and chips, cole slaw, clam chowder, orange smiles, milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, December 13 – Chicken fritters, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, chicken soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 14 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato and cheese, nachos, beef noodle soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, lasagna, hot garlic bread, salad greens, minestrone soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, December 16 – Ham and cheese croissant, broccoli and cheese soup, veggie sticks, ranch dip, chilled fruit, milk.

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The following log excerpts are for the week of November 28, 2004 through December 4, 2004:

• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – vandalism/past
• Cranberry Way – larceny/past
• Converse Road – arcing wires
• Spring Street – medical emergency
• Mansfield Avenue – assist municipal agency
• Wareham Road – assist municipal agency
• Route 195 West – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, registration suspended, uninsured motor vehicle)
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Wareham Road – family disturbance
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Marion Road – assist other police department
• County Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Pumping Station Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – assist other police department
• Mac's Way – animal complaint
• Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – adult arrest (marked lanes violation, operating without a license, failure to stop for police)
• Main Street – vandalism/past
• Spring Street – fraud
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Olde Knoll Road – noise complaint
• County Road – disturbance
• Point Road – vandalism/past
• Front Street – breaking and entering/ in progress
• Wareham Road – suspicious person
• Nokomis Road – hunting violation
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Quail's Crossing Road – animal complaint
• Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license).

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The following log excerpts are for the week of November 21, 2004 through November 27, 2004:

• North Street – property found
• Marion Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
• Church Street – officer wanted
• Marion Road – missing person
• Marion Road – disturbance
• Pico Beach Road – unwanted person
• Long Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Angelica Avenue – motor vehicle accident
• North Street – motor vehicle violations
• River Road – reported gas leak
• Aucoot Road – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – safe keeping property
• County Road – ambulance request
• Lebaron Way – disturbance
• North Street – safety/road hazard
• Crystal Spring Road – ATV/snow mobile complaint
• Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
• North Street – safety/road hazard
• Marion Road – motor vehicle stolen/ theft
• Fairhaven Road – animal complaint
• Brandt Island Road – unwanted person
• Acushnet Road – vandalism
• Reservation Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – suspicious persons
• Park Street – vandalism
• Converse Road – mutual aid/police
• Driscoll Lane – mutual aid/police
• Fairhaven – mutual aid/police
• Brant Beach Avenue – motor vehicle accident
• Fairhaven Road – animal complaint
• Howard Beach – suspicious person
• Crooked Bow Path – burglar alarm.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 30, 2004 through December 7, 2004:

• New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
• Featherbed Lane – trespassing
• Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Walnut Plain Road – assist other agency
• Walnut Plain Road – highway matter
• Rounseville Road – utilities problem
• Alley Road – animal control
• Clapp Road – utilities
• Springwood Drive – fire
• Rounseville Road – fire
• Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• Snipatuit Road – suspicious activity
• High Street – animal control
• Featherbed Lane – officer wanted
• Walnut Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
• Mattapoisett Road – animal control
• Hartley Road – noise complaint
• North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
• Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• Bennett Road – burglar alarm
• Dexter Lane – trespassing order service
• Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Snipatuit Road – vandalism
• Rounseville Road – breaking and entering
• Herring Brook Lane – vandalism
• Cranberry Highway – suspicious motor vehicle
• Taber Lane – burglar alarm.

Monday, December 13 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Production is planned for March, 2005 and the director is Susan Gould. For more information please call the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266.

Christmas Pageant

Reservations are now being accepted for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a classic holiday comedy by Barbara Robinson, to be performed at the Marion Art Center on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 pm. This holiday classic is a family comedy written by Barbara Robinson. The play is based on the best-selling book published in 1972. It is a very funny story of a couple struggling to put on a church pageant and then are faced with casting the worst kids in town (maybe in history) in key roles.

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45 "Gross!"
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47 "Wozzeck" composer
49 Chihuahua or Tabasco
51 Freighter
53 "My Little Margie" star
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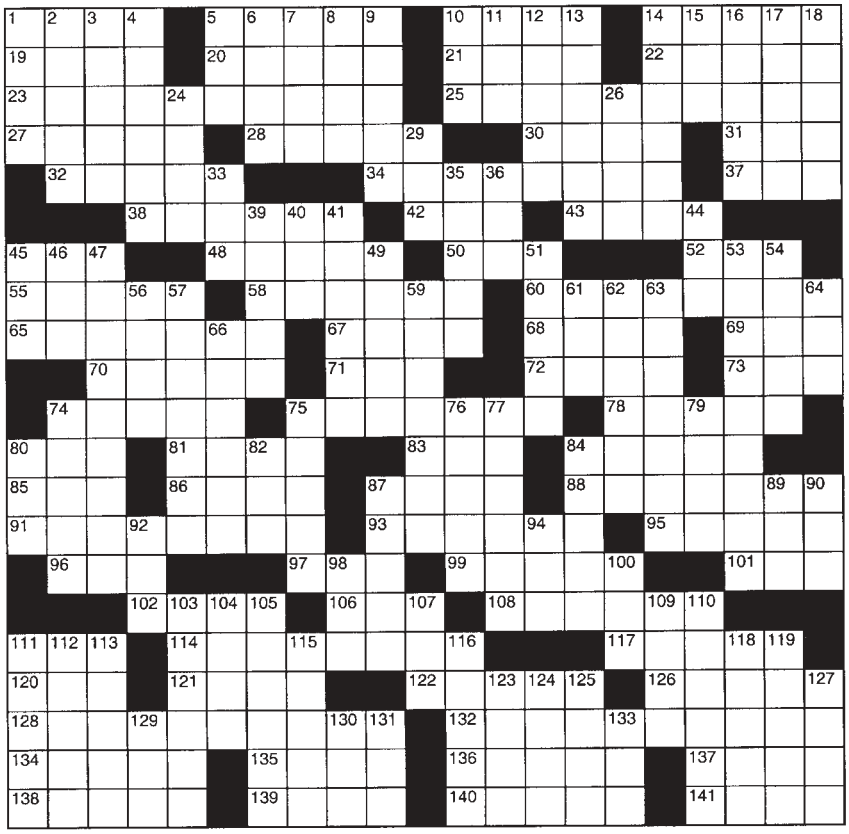

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use that Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to take it on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings don't interfere with the more pragmatic matters that you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore those doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. A weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap — yet. You might still have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide that much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up. That unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult. But the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your pre-holiday scheduling. Try to give time both to your workday responsibilities and those personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about that painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including that personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to hope.

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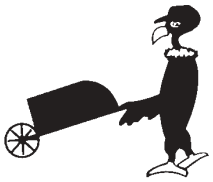

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF APPEALS
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 16, 2004 in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on the application of the Town of Marion for a variance under section(s) 5.1,8.3(2), 9 and 8.2(4) of the zoning by-law to allow the creation of two lots. One lot will be for the proposed transfer station, the other lot will include the existing cell tower site. The Town is also seeking a special permit under section(s) G.1(2)(a) and (b) and 8.2(4) of the zoning by-laws to allow the expansion of a non-conforming use (landfill site). The proposed use will be a transfer station. The property, Landfill Site Benson Brook Road, is further identified as Lot 9 on Assessors' Plan 24.
Board of Appeals 12/09, 12/16

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF APPEALS
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 PM on Thursday, December 16, 2004 in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on the application of Manuel DeMiranda for a variance under section 4.2(A), 5.1 of the zoning by-laws to allow a 4 unit condominium in accordance with the plans submitted. The property, off Spring Street, is further identified as Lot 38 on Assessors' Plan 24.
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 27, 2004 at 8:10 PM in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Paul D. Bennett, 304 Upland St., New Bedford, MA 02745. The proposed project is to build a 10 foot 4 inch by 10 foot kitchen addition which a 3 foot by 10 foot section will extend beyond the original house foot print. The project is located at 11 Shore View Ave and is further identified as Lot 0032 on Assessor Map 012.
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Nursing Program Exam

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nurse Program has announced the dates of administration of the entrance exam required for admission to the program, for the 2005-2006 school year.

The required entrance exam will be administered at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School on the following dates: Saturday, January 22, 2005; Saturday, February 12, 2005; Saturday, March 5, 2005 and Saturday, March 19, 2005 from 8:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. No walk-in registration will

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The Maconchu Club's Annual Christmas Party will begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 18 in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church with punch and hors d'oeuvres. Following a fellowship time with friends and neighbors there will be a delicious dinner catered by Riccardi's at 6:45 pm. The menu will be baked stuffed chicken breast with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, garden vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, crusty rolls and butter, cake squares, assorted

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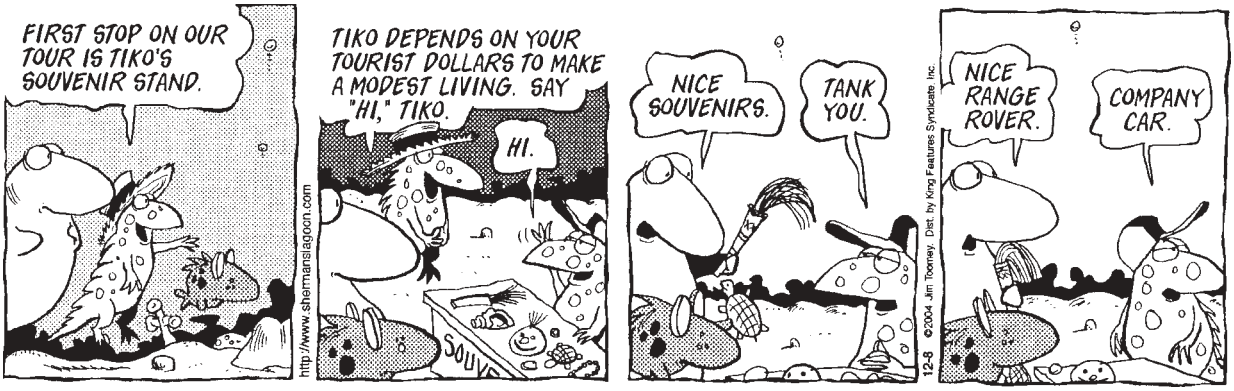

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December 10:	Fri.	5:58	6:21	. . .	12:02
December 11:	Sat.	6:49	7:12	12:01	12:54
December 12:	Sun.	7:40	8:04	12:37	1:47
December 13:	Mon.	8:33	8:57	1:28	2:40
December 14:	Tues.	9:27	9:53	2:21	3:33
December 15:	Wed.	10:23	10:50	3:15	4:26
December 16:	Thurs.	11:21	11:49	4:12	5:23
December 17:	Fri.	. . .	12:18	5:18	6:27
December 18:	Sat.	12:47	1:16	6:57	7:36
December 19:	Sun.	1:46	2:14	8:42	8:32
December 20:	Mon.	2:45	3:13	9:45	9:14
December 21:	Tues.	3:44	4:11	10:35	9:47
December 22:	Wed.	4:40	5:05	11:16	10:21
December 23:	Thurs.	5:30	5L52	11:51	10:57
December 24:	Fri.	6:16	6:36	. . .	12:22
December 25:	Sat.	6:57	7:16	12:01	12:55
December 26:	Sun.	7:35	7:55	12:19	1:31

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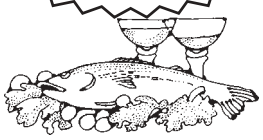

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